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1. The lighting equipment and the signboards of the Soviet kommandatura on Sankt Georgstrasse, Rostock (M 55/O 81), were removed on 10 April 1950. Naval troops were still quartered in the Alte Infanterie Kaserne on Ulmenstrasse on 5 May 1950. [redacted] A naval unit was still located in the former Gewerbeschule (industrial school) on Parkstrasse [redacted] Soviet dependents were still quartered in the officers' apartments at the clinics. (1)
2. No Soviet troops were stationed in Kyritz (N 53/Z 19) on 15 April 1950 and none were observed in Pritzwalk (M 54/T 91) on 6 May 1950.
3. No Soviet troops were located in Neustadt on the Orla River (M 51/J 34) on 6 May 1950. Soviet troops going to the training areas farther to the west used the road leading through Neustadt on the Orla River and the Gera - Saalfeld railroad line much less than in the two previous years. (2)

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4. The Soviet quarters in Hildburghausen (M 61/J 10) which had been vacated on 25 March 1950 had not been reoccupied by 17 April 1950. (3) 50X1-HUM
5. No changes were observed with the Stubbenkammer (N 55/P 88) radio station of the Soviet Navy up to 19 April 1950. The gear on top of the antenna looked like a **windmill wheel turned horizontal moving to and fro, but never making a 360° revolution.**
6. No changes were observed with the Soviet quarters on the approach road to the Sassnitz (N 55/P 87) harbor on 19 April 1950. The **sentries** were naval personnel.
7. No Soviet troops were stationed in Schwedt (N 54/Q 31) on 24 April 1950. An MVD office was the only Soviet installation in Angermuende (N 54/Q 20). The previously requisitioned houses had been released. (4)
8. On 22 April 1950 it was learned that the Stralsund (N 55/P 44) kommandatura was moved from Wulflammer to Bebelufer. German civilians were seen in the previous kommandatura building.
9. It was learned in mid-May 1950 that the Stralsund kommandatura was located in a building on August Bebelufer which was previously occupied by Soviet families. The whereabouts of these families are not known.
10. The Bitterfeld (M 52/E 14) kommandatura was located on Stalinstrasse. Troops wearing black-bordered red epaulets were observed there on 10 May 1950. (5)
11. The Salzwedel (M 53/Y 27) Soviet offices (town kommandatura, county kommandatura and MVD office) were dissolved on 20 May 1950. The personnel left on trucks toward Gardelegen. Only a Soviet border sector headquarters with a personnel of eight (including an officer) remained in Salzwedel. (6)
12. In early May 1950 a Soviet detail of 24 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets was in the former savings-bank building in Schoeneberg, Mecklenburg. The detail was commanded by Major Shvarobotnik and had allegedly come from Gadebusch. Its mission could not be learned.

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13. A Soviet detail of 20 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets was billeted in Mrs. Anschak's house, Herrenburg, in early May 1950. The roof of the house, from which the area toward the zonal border could be surveyed, mounted a wooden platform occupied in daytime by a guard with field glasses.
14. The house of the fugitive burgomaster of Luetersdorf, east of Herrenburg, was vacated by the Soviets and returned to German authorities. In May 1950 a detail of 16 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets was still quartered in harness-maker Fischer's house.
15. A detail of 16 men wearing black-bordered red epaulets was located in pensioner Wahnke's house in Lauen, north of Luetersdorf in early May 1950. (7)

Comments.

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- (1) The observations made in Rostock are consistent with previous information.
- (2) The Gera-Saalfeld railroad line is considered one of the main approach lines to the Ohrdruf troop training grounds.
- (3) [redacted] in March 1950 [redacted] the Hildburghausen kommandatura moved to Ilmenau.
- (4) [redacted] in February 1950, [redacted] the Angermuende kommandatura was dissolved.
- (5) The information is the first on the Bitterfeld kommandatura.
- (6) A Soviet border sector headquarters was also previously located in Salzwedel.
- (7) The information confirms in the towns Soviet border guard detachments [redacted]

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